White Lily and Spring Aster

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Eek! ♡
It's Sayuri from the elite class!
She's always so pretty!
And the way she never smiles is so wonderful, too!
Beautiful and refined,
surrounded by butterflies,
her appearance a flower in full bloom
Compared to that, I'm a...

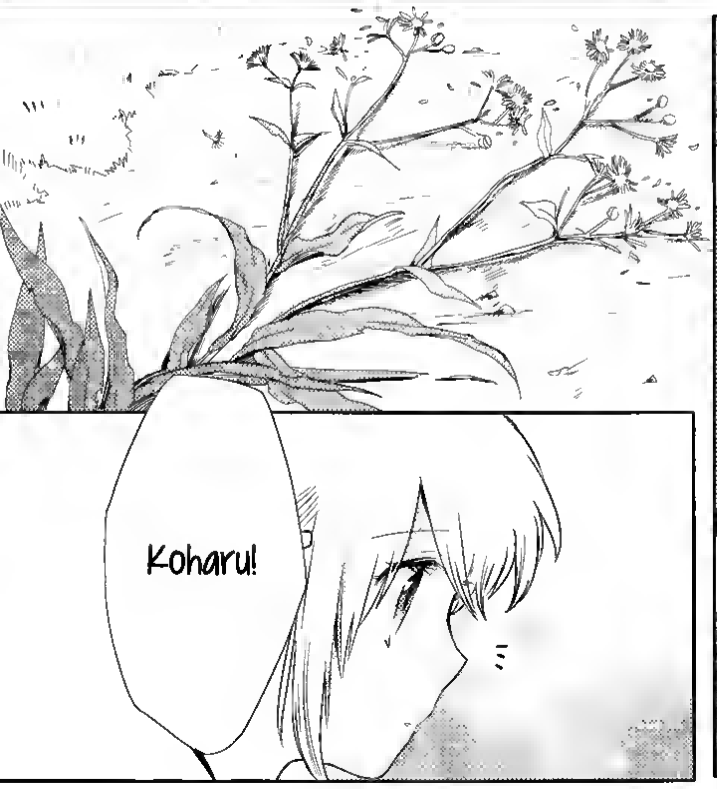
Hey, you! The regular class student over there!
No, even weeds have their good points...
WEED
So you better clean up properly!
The elite class is holding a tea party here after school.
Renge Academy is
Especially since Sayuri-sama can't stand dirty things!
Okay...

a school where girls from really, really, really rich families gather
Students are assigned to classes based on how much they contribute to the school
There's a school caste system!
They don't even have to hide it!
Elite Class
Middle Class
Regular Class
And I'm from a working-class family, so I'm ranked dead last...
Sayuri-senpai's the most popular, even among the elite students...
Oh!

The spring aster is blooming!
They're just as beautiful as they were last year
Hhh
Ah?

Ah...
Sayuri-senpai...
You're not beautiful.
Hey!
You'll get dirty if you sit on the ground like that!

Weeds are filthy...
Things without beauty should not exist.


Koharu!

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Pull out all the weeds too this time!

Are you done cleaning?
Kiku!
I'll be done soon.
Alright! Let's go to our club!
Before that, the spring aster...
Hm?
On the edge of the academy grounds is a seemingly forgotten greenhouse

That is where we, the Gardening Club, hold our activities
This'll do! I hope they grow well!
You're the one raising them, Koharu! I'm sure they will!
Gardening Club
After all, you're the one who cleaned up the greenhouse.
There's no one better than you when it comes to raising plants!
That's not... It's only because my family owns a flower shop
EMBARRASSED

Kiku, do you know about Sayuri-senpai?
Oh, Itsuki Sayuri?
She's made the biggest school contribution so far, so she's quite powerful...
But I heard she's a really scary person.
I can't deal with her. She's as prickly as a thistle!
THISTLE
Prickle
Prickle
Ahaha
Forget about that, let's do some gardening!
I want to grow pumpkins next!
Jeez! All you think about is food, Kiku...
Pumpkin seeds
Yeah!
Gardening Club
CREAAAK
Pumpkin seeds

Speak of the devil, it's Sayuri-senpai!!
Who is it? Name yourself!
FLINCH
Eek!

I've seen you before, you're-
Second year, Yanagihara Koharu
What are you doing at this greenhouse?
Oh, we're in the Gardening Club, and...
Gardening Club... Playing with dirt?
There's no beauty in it.
Thump

Stop
Excuse me-
EEK!
I apologize if I interrupted your club activities.
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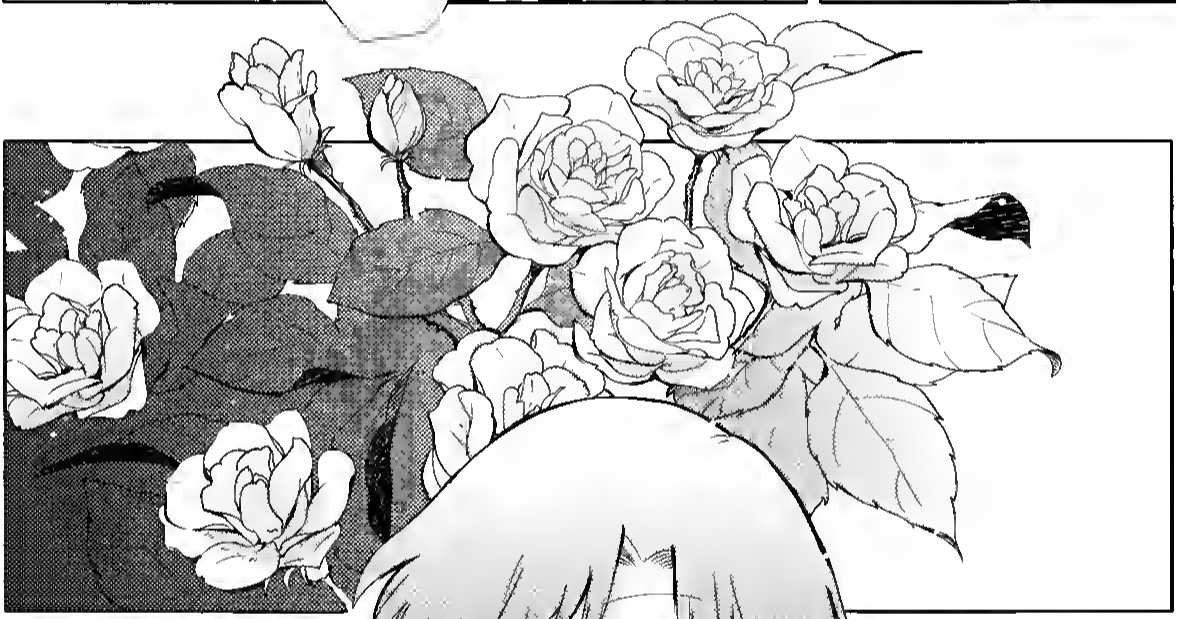

It's my first time seeing such a beautiful rose
This rose... its color, shape, and luster...
Senpai?
Beautiful.
Stare
?
that rose!
I raised
SNIP
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take it home if you'd like, Senpai.
Yes!
Please.
...You did?
RUMMAGE
RUMMAGE

Here, Senpai.
It really suits you.

...Thank you.
I'll take it.
Really?
I think she might actually be really nice
Grrrr
Yeah... I still don't like her.
What? Why?
Someone who loves flowers can't possibly be a bad person.

Hm...
This year's anemones are growing nicely, too.
That reminds me of the rose I gave Senpai last week...
I wonder how it's doing...
Sorry for disturbing you
!!!
Sayuri-senpai!
The rose you gave me withered... May I have another one?
Of course!
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I can give you a potted rose if you're interested.
A potted rose?

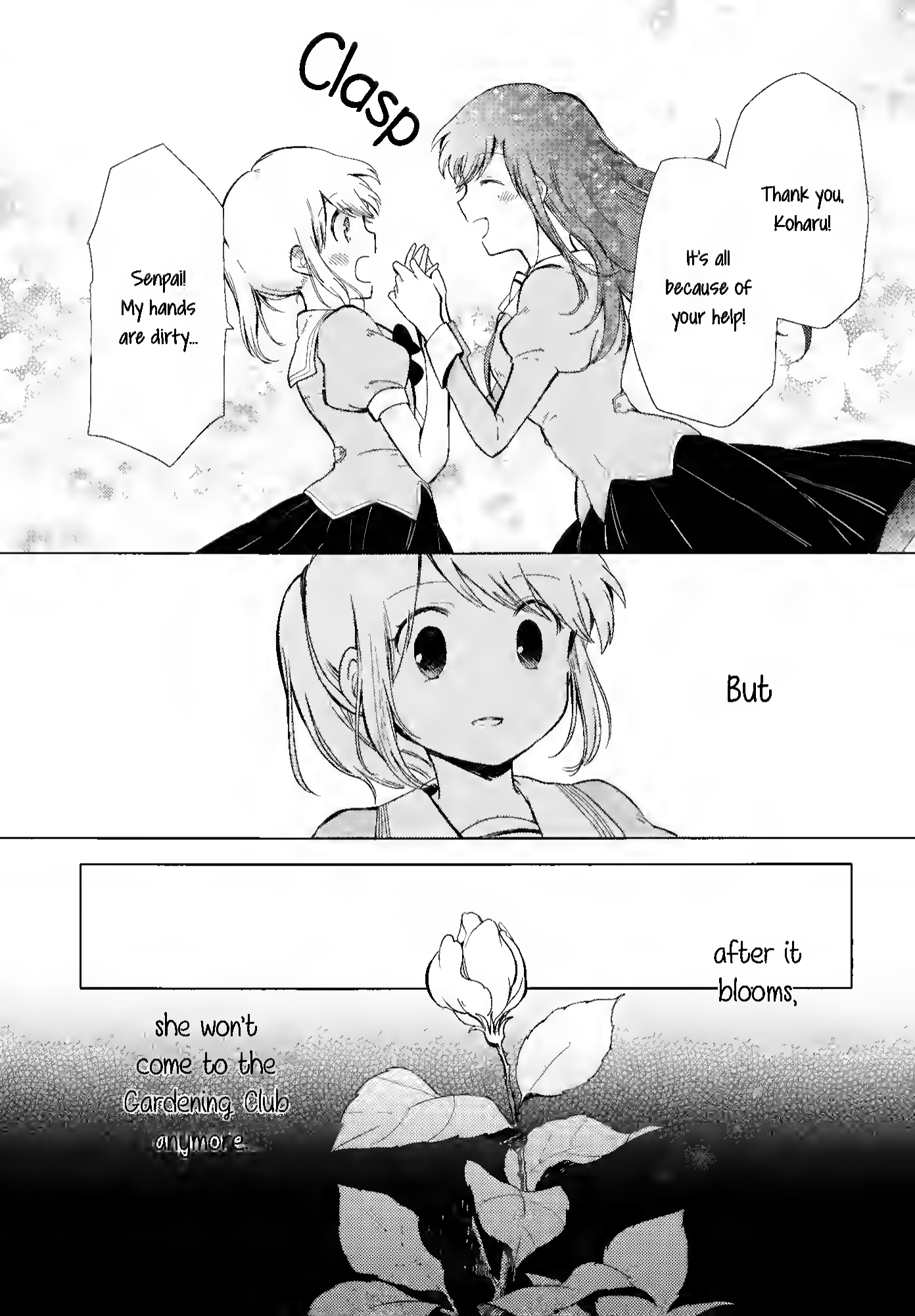
Glance
Oh, but roses are hard to take care of.
JUMP
Oh, I know!
Just join the Gardening Club
and learn how to raise roses with us!
Glare
YOU WANT ME TO SOIL MY HANDS?
Hii!
...But if I can see these roses whenever I want...

she's here to try out our club!
And that's why
Gardening Club
Let's start by making the soil.
It must be simple if a little girl like her can do it.
Calm down, Kiku...
Why is she?!
Without good soil, the flowers won't bloom, you know.
Soil?! No! There's no beauty in it!
Compost
This is so heavy...
Compost
There are bugs in good soil.
Kyah!!
Bugs! Bugs!

Today I'll show you how to prune flowers.
It's not just the shape, you also have to make sure the nutrients are distributed evenly.
Looks hard...
Is it like this?
ドキ
Rough hands callused from gardening, and scrubbing
STARING AT HER HANDS
.....
What's wrong?
N-Nothing!
Ah... Senpai's so close!!
She smells so good.
And her fingers are slender and pretty...
Thump
Thump
Thump

Can't believe she used to be such a distant figure...
I didn't think raising flowers would be this hard...
That's true.
But if you put your love into flowers, they will respond to you
Love...

A few days later...
Oh!
Senpai! There's a bud on your plant!
Oh...
It's beautiful!


Clasp
Senpai! My hands are dirty...
Thank you, Koharu! It's all because of your help!
But
after it blooms,
she won't come to the Gardening Club anymore

Hey, the regular class student over there!
We need to have a word with you.
Ow!
Seems like you've been hanging around Sayuri-sama recently...
You should know your place!
They're Senpai's followers!

But she treats me well!
Fool.
Can't you see that she's playing nice with you
just because you're a regular class student?
Using this to get her attention...
Ah!!
No... Stop!
Those are really impor-
That's Senpai's pot!

Oh, there she is!
ふーふふ…
Koharu's late.
Indeed...
はぁー…
Wait
Koharu?!
What's wrong? Why are you covered in dirt?
I'm sorry...
I dropped the pot your flowers were in, Senpai...

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Kiku.
I'll take Koharu to the nurse's office.
O-Okay!
Then I'll try to save your flowers, Senpai!
すたこら
NURSE'S OFFICE
Are you hurting anywhere else?
N-No!
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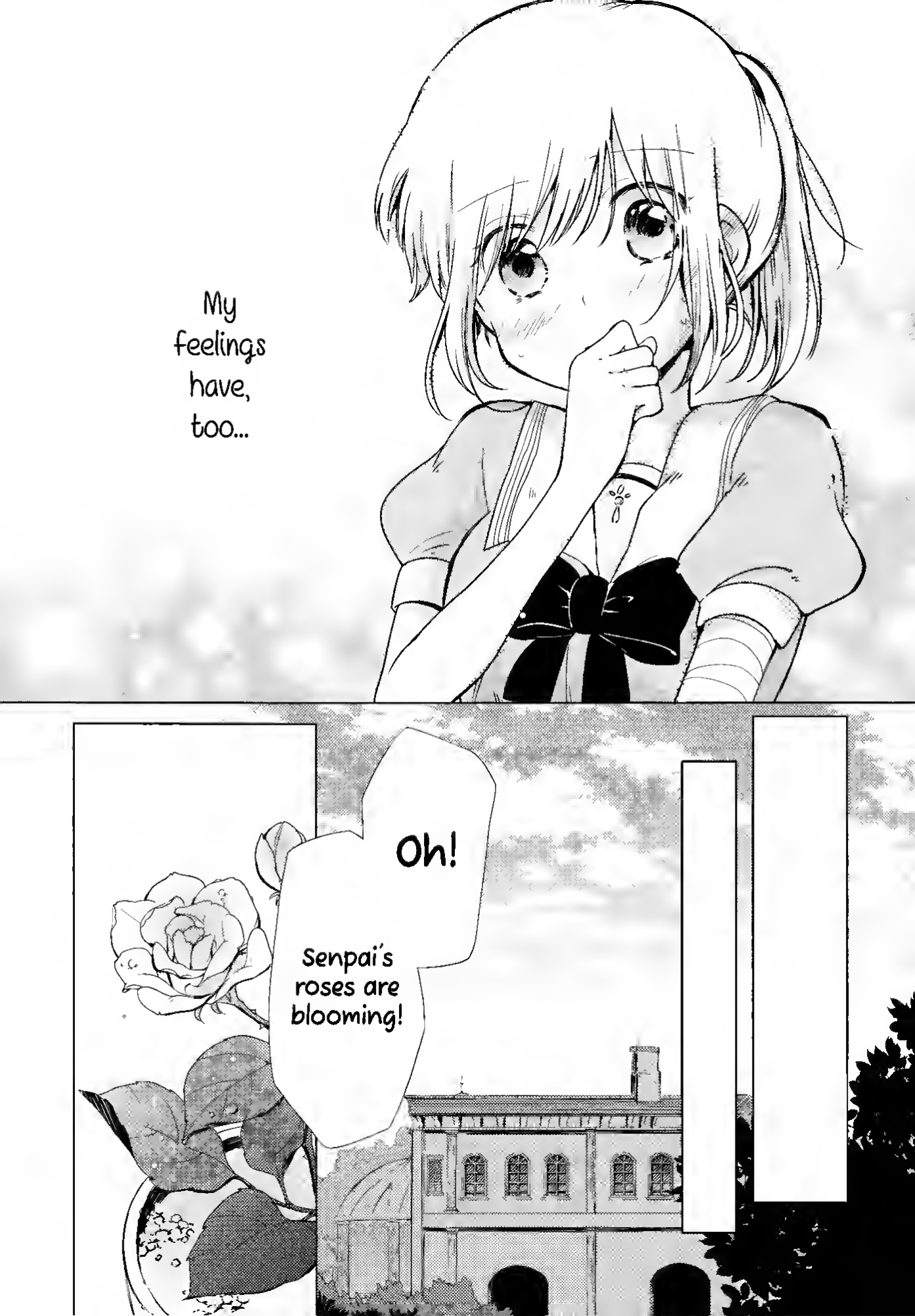
Good... There won't be any scars.

This isn't the first time it's happened.
...It's the girls who keep pestering me.
You weren't the one who broke my pot.
You're pretty, Senpai
It's natural why they'd follow you around.
shouldn't have approached her...
A dirty weed like me

Things without beauty should not exist.
That's been what I've always believed, but-
your hands...
すぅ...
I can't honestly say they're very pretty.
but right now I can sense their beauty.

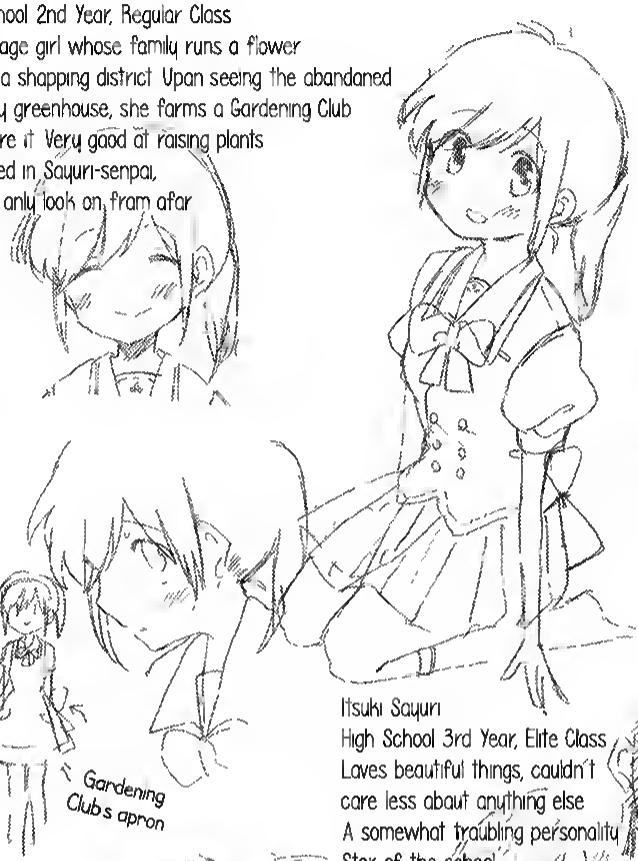
I've never felt this way before.
I've changed, because of you.
You're beautiful, Koharu.
It wasn't just Senpai who changed.


My feelings have, too...
Oh!
Senpai's roses are blooming!

I only helped a bit.
They bloomed because you put your love into it, Senpai.
This is all thanks to you, Koharu.
Oh, and Kiku, too.
Don't add me in as an after-thought!
If you put your love into flowers, they will respond to you.
I'm sure
it doesn't apply just to flowers.

"White Lily and Spring Aster" Character Setting

Yanagihara Kaharu (Protagonist)
High School 2nd Year, Regular Class
An average girl whose family runs a flower shop in a shopping district. Upon seeing the abandoned academy greenhouse, she forms a Gardening Club to restore it. Very good at raising plants. Interested in Sayuri-senpai, but can only look on from afar.

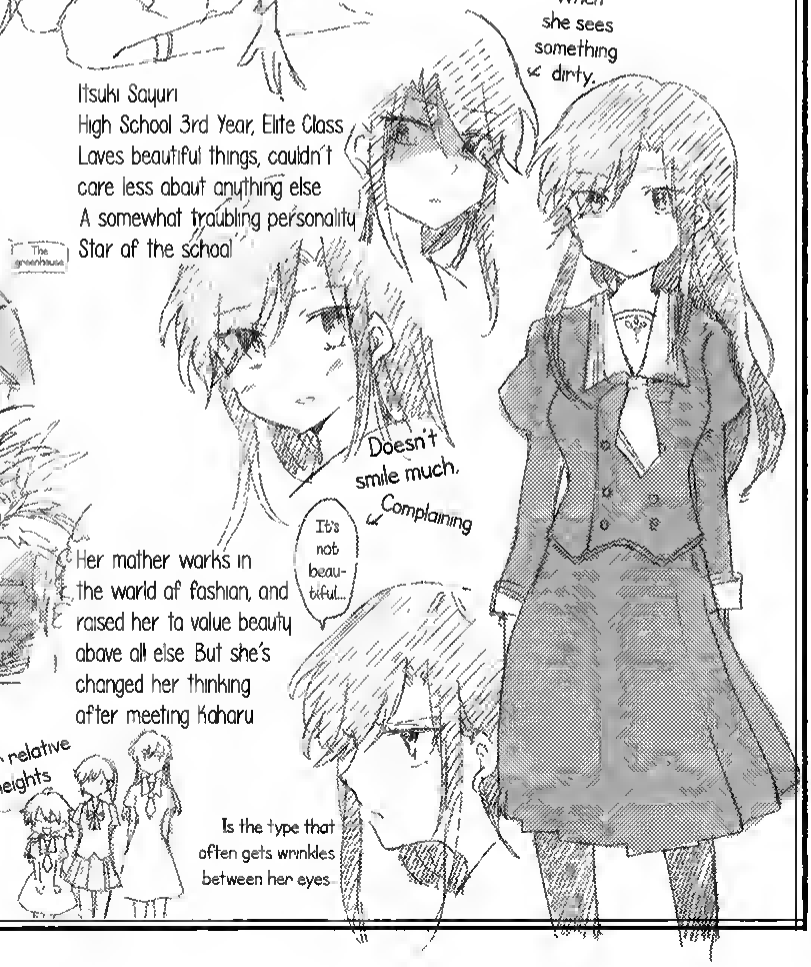


Shovel

Gardening Club's apron

Kiku
High School 2nd Year, Elite Class
Kaharu's friend. Part of the elite class, but never looks down on Kaharu because of it. Member of the Gardening Club. Manages a vegetable garden chock full of food.

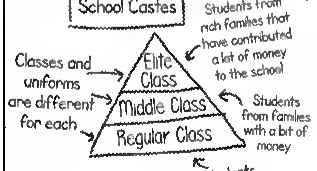
Itsuki Sayuri
High School 3rd Year, Elite Class
Loves beautiful things, couldn't care less about anything else. A somewhat troubling personality. Star of the school.



The greenhouse

Her mother works in the world of fashion, and raised her to value beauty above all else. But she's changed her thinking after meeting Kaharu.

School Castes


Elite Class
Middle Class
Regular Class
Classes and uniforms are different for each
Students from rich families that have contributed a lot of money to the school
Students from families with a bit of money
Normal students

Their relative heights

Is the type that often gets wrinkles between her eyes.

Translation:
Almond
Cleaning:
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